

E.3.4 Critical Closure Path and Programmatic Risk

The critical closure path schedule, presented as Exhibit E-15, sets forth the timetable for completing the closure activities at the Chicago Operations Office. In the exhibit, the bars represent critical activities, and the diamonds represent critical events/milestones. The critical closure path identifies the major cleanup activities that have little scheduling flexibility and must occur without delays if the EM cleanup mission is to be completed by 2006.

Completion of the EM mission at the Chicago Operations Office as scheduled will depend on the timely accomplishment of critical activities and events. Sites have assigned programmatic risk scores to each of the critical activities/milestones. Appendix D provides a complete definition of programmatic risk. Exhibit E-16 presents a summary of activities/milestones on the critical closure path that have high programmatic risk (programmatic risk scores of 4 or 5 in any category).

Exhibit E-15

Chicago Operations Office Critical Closure Path

(Timelines and Risk Data)

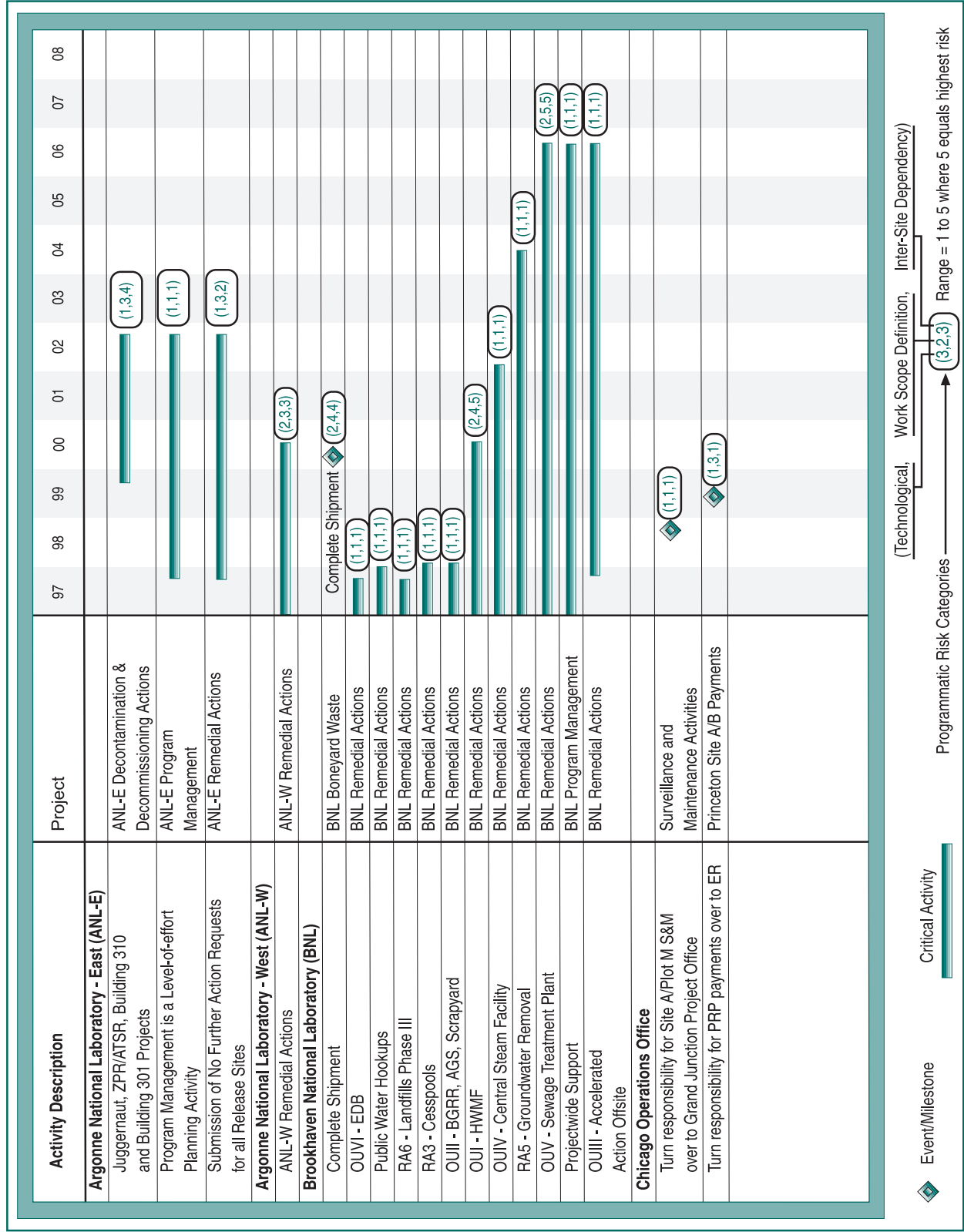


Exhibit E-16
Summary of High Programmatic Risk Activities/Milestones:
Chicago Operations Office

Site	Project, Activity, Event	Start/End Dates	Programmatic Risk Categories		
			Technological	Work Scope Definition	Intersite Dependency
Argonne National Laboratory - East	Juggernaut, ZPR/ATSR, Bldg. 310 and Bldg. 301 projects	Aug 99/ Sep 02	1	3	4
Brookhaven National Laboratory	OU-III - Source Areas	Oct 96	2	4	2
	Complete Shipments	Aug 00	2	4	4
	OU-I - HWMF	Oct 96/ Sep 00	2	4	5
	OU-V - Sewage Treatment Plant	Oct 96/ Aug 06	2	5	5